

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS :

1. An apparatus for controlling an electronic equipment for vehicles comprising;

detection means for detecting the commencement of a condition of use of a vehicle which employs an electronic equipment for vehicles, and control means for controlling operations of the electronic equipment for vehicles, said control means being operative to cause the electronic equipment to be put in a standby condition from which the electronic equipment can be immediately shifted into a normally operating condition when the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle is detected by the detection means.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection means is provided in a control unit which is shifted into a normally operating condition from a standby condition for controlling operations of motor-operated apparatus employed in the vehicle when the condition of use of the vehicle is commenced and operative to detect the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle by detecting the shift of the control unit into the normally operating condition from the standby condition.

3. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said detection means is operative to detect the shift of the control unit into the normally operating condition from the standby condition by detecting starting voltage variations occurring in the control unit.

4. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said control unit is shifted into the the normally operating condition from the standby

condition when the reception of a lock control signal for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by lock control signal receiving means provided in the vehicle.

5. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit is shifted into the the normally operating condition from the standby condition when the reception of a lock control signal for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by lock control signal receiving means provided in the vehicle.

6. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said control unit is shifted into the the normally operating condition from the standby condition when a manual handling to a door knob of the vehicle for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by door knob handling detecting means provided in the vehicle.

7. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit is shifted into the the normally operating condition from the standby condition when a manual handling to a door knob of the vehicle for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by door knob handling detecting means provided in the vehicle.

8. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detecting means is operative to detect the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle with the reception of a lock control signal for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle, which is detected by lock control signal receiving means provided in the vehicle.

9. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection means is operative to detect the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle with a manual handling to a door knob of the vehicle for unlocking a door lock mechanism provided in the vehicle, which is detected by door knob handling detecting means provided in the vehicle.

10. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means is operative to keep the electronic equipment in the standby condition when pose control means provided in the electronic equipment is performing its function.